

Systems FAC Meeting
18 July 2000

1. John Kincaid (Rock Island District) and Mary Diel (Sacramento District) participated in a conference call last Wednesday for SAC Members and FAC chairs. The topic of discussion was The CADD/GIS Center FY01 Project Proposals. The purpose was to finalize the SAC's recommendations on which projects should be funded. Jean McGinn will be taking these recommendations to The Center's Corporate Board meeting to be held this week. If someone would like to see a copy of Mary's notes (not official minutes, just her notes) from the call, e-mail her at mdiel@spk.usace.army.mil and she will send them out. One thing to note is that there were not a lot of CADD oriented projects submitted for funding this year. One possible way to reverse that for next year is to start working on project ideas now, have a small group of people review the project proposals and make sure they contain all the correct "center speak", and have them ready to go as soon as the request for proposals comes out (usually in February).
2. The very few comments that John Kincaid received on the mdl project have been compiled and sent to the contractor. The final product should be ready for distribution by the end of July. For more information on this contact John (JOHN.A.KINCAID@USACE.ARMY.MIL).
3. Debbie Solis (Jacksonville District) mentioned that the new MaxView is choking on some of the tiff format files they have created by scanning in drawings with their Anatech scanner. She has been working with Momentum but so far they have not been able to fix the problem. If you have experienced similar problems or been successful with this same sequence, please let Debbie know.
4. Mary Diel mentioned a couple of problems they have had during recent tests of the Tri-Service workspace and was given solutions (or workarounds) to the problems. First, "Start in Parseall Mode" (under Microstation User Preferences) must be on for the workspace to work. If it has been turned off, the workspace will crash. If you need it off while placing text, you will need to temporarily set it off and then set it back on again. You can type, "set parse on" or "set parse off" to enable or disable it. Second, when you have selected a group of elements to perform a command, only the first element in the group is affected (i.e. if you want to move a group of elements, only the first element in the group will be moved). This can be corrected by disabling the checker portion of the workspace. The checker seems to cause a number of problems and may best be left disabled during production work.
5. The next Systems FAC meeting has been scheduled for the week of September 17th in Philadelphia to be held in conjunction with the Bentley International Users Conference. The conference is free for Select Members.

The main purpose of the Systems FAC meeting is to review and finalize the Workspace Implementation Plan for completion by the end of the fiscal year. A smaller diversified group (not just systems people) will meet before this meeting to work up a draft of the Implementation Plan. Other projects and/or topics will also be addressed at the meeting. **IF YOU NEED FUNDING FOR TRAVEL TO GO TO THE MEETING, CONTACT JOHN KINCAID BY 26 JULY 2000.**

6. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 August 2000, 10 am CST. **Please Note new phone number: (904) 232-4999.** The conference calls are now being hosted by Jacksonville District instead of South Atlantic Division. Thanks Debbie.